Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to open rice depots in Chittur Taluk also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It will be considered.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What is being done with the quantity of rice purchased by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They are sold to retail merchants.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the margin added on with the price per bag by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. Ismail Haji Easa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Is it a fact that four annas is added on to the price of every bag?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know the places where these Depots have been opened?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Ernakulam, Trippunittura, South Chittur, Chalakkudi, Cranganur and Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have not the Government passed orders to sell rice with such and such a margin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Considering the situation in the Chittur Taluk which is called the grannery of the State, do not the Government think it desirable to commandeer all the paddy grown in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise at all. The complaint is that the price per bag is low.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is a place where paddy is grown more than in any other place in the State. There, the price must be low. Is it not because the paddy is exported to other places that the price is very high?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government do not agree with it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government selling at a profit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

EMPLOYMENT OF DEPRESSED CLASSES AS PEONS AND MASAPADIES—REVENUE DEPARTMENT

282. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ദയവുചെയ്തു മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) റവന്യൂ വകുപ്പിൽ ശിപായി, വില്ലേജുമാസപ്പടി എന്നീ താഴ്ന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ആകെ എത്രയുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) അതിൽ പുലയർ, പടന്നർ, വേട്ടുവർ, പറയർ എന്നിവർ എത്ര?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ:

(എ) ൪൫൬.

(ബി) പുലയർ— ൪, പടന്നർ, വേട്ടുവർ പറയർ—ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ: പടന്നർ, വേട്ടുവർ, പറയർ എന്നിവരിൽ നിന്നും അപേക്ഷകരുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടാകണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ: പുതിയ നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടത്തുമ്പോൾ ഇവർക്കു മുൻഗണന കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: ആലോചിക്കാം.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Revenue Department had not been instructed by the Government to adhere to the principle of communal representation in making appointments to this inferior service?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Offg. Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: പടന്നർ, വേട്ടുവർ, പറയർ എന്നീ ഗ്രൂപ്പുകളിൽപ്പെട്ട വരുടെ സംഖ്യ എത്രയാണു്? അതു ഒരു പ്രാമാണ്യമുള്ള ഗ്രൂപ്പാണൊ എന്നറിയുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണു് ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

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Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Offg. Diwan Peishkar)*: I am referring only to three classes in a group. In that group in 1116 there were 39 appointments. He singles out one or two classes and asks me whether persons from those classes have been appointed. I think the other classes will be larger.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: അധികൃതർക്ക് സെക്യൂരിറ്റി കെട്ടുന്നതിനു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് ആ സെക്യൂരിറ്റി സംഖ്യ അവരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിന്നു കുറേശ്ശെ കുറേശ്ശെയായി പിടിച്ചെടുക്കുവാൻ ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: സെക്യൂരിറ്റി വാങ്ങിയശേഷം ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനുവെക്കേണ്ടതായാലൊ?

MATTANCHERI FORESHORE SCHEME—ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND ANNUAL INCOME

283. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state the total cost of the Government foreshore scheme for Mattancheri and the total estimated annual income by way of rent from the godowns they intend to let out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The scheme consists of 4 stages and the first stage works alone have been investigated and estimated for. The first stage is estimated to cost about Rs. 7 lakhs including land acquisition charges. The net annual income out of this is estimated at about Rs. 21,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Does it not work out a better return than the return from banks at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is not a very good return.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What percentage do you get from banks at present?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The Reserve Bank rate quoted in papers is three per cent.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the total cost for all the stages?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The details of only the first stage have been worked out. That comes to 7 lakhs.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur)*: Is the estimate for this work prepared by the same officer who prepared the estimate for the Shanmukham Canal? *(Laughter)*.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CASTE-WAR & TALUK-WAR LISTS OF INSPECTORS AND HEAD-CONSTABLES

284. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state the Caste-war and Taluk-war lists of the Inspectors of Police and the Head-constables on the 1st day of the following years: 1919, 1920, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1941 and 1942?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: The time and labour involved in answering the question are not commensurate with the purpose to be served thereby.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: My purpose is to make this House as well as the Public to understand that all the communities have not been represented. By giving a list the public can understand that certain taluks have been practically neglected and certain communities have also been neglected.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT—CASTE-WAR & TALUK-WAR LISTS OF AMINDARS AND SUB-INSPECTORS

285. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state the Caste-war and Taluk-war lists of the Excise Amindars or Sub-Inspectors as the case may be in the years 1919, 1920, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1941 and 1942?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise)*: The time and labour involved in collecting the statistics are not commensurate with the purpose served thereby.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: How did they know the purpose of the question? It was not clear for what purpose the hon'ble member wanted to elicit the information.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise)*: By ordinary commonsense one can understand the purpose from the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Will the Hon'ble Member for Excise let the House know the purpose of the present question?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise)*: I can give information for the last three years and not for the earlier years. Those people have retired and gone. Some are dead.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Are there not records with the Government to show the names of all officers? Are there not permanent records kept with the Government.

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